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[ ] patent application, [ ] continuation patent application,  
[X] divisional patent application, or [ ] continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: SYSTEM FOR TREATING ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS

- [X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
09/177,861 / October 23, 1998; 08/795,686 /February 5, 1997; 08/561,958/ November 22, 1995; 08/485,219/ June 7, 1995; 08/059,681 / May 10, 1993; the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- [X] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: --This application is a [ ] continuation [X] division of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 09/177,861, filed October 23, 1998, which is a division of 08/795,686 filed February 5, 1997 which is a division 08/561,958 filed November 22, 1995 the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--

Enclosed are:

- [X] 18 sheet(s) of [ ] formal [X] informal drawing(s); specification including description, claims and abstract, [X] title page.  
[X] A copy of the assignment of the invention to ArthroCare Corporation.  
[X] A copy of the [X] signed [ ] unsigned Declaration.  
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[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 [ ] is enclosed [ ] was filed in the prior application.  
[ ] A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
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SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE		RATE	
	\$380		\$760	
	X9=	\$	X18=	\$180
	X39=	\$	X78=	\$
	+130=	\$	+260=	\$
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